AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Line 17, please replace "UNKNOWN" with the following serial no.:

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Please amend the Abstract section of the specification as rewritten in amendment format.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~The~~ In the method of estimating a signal-to-noise ratio (SINR) ~~estimates~~, either the polarities or bit values of a plurality of received data symbol samples are estimated. Then an SINR estimate is generated based on the plurality of received data symbol samples and the estimated polarities or bit values of the plurality of received data symbol samples such that the SINR estimate is not substantially dependent on ~~a~~ the polarities or a bit value of the plurality of received data symbol samples.